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SUBJECT: ALLIED RESPONSE TO GDR VISA MEASURE

REF: BONN 0047, USBERLIN 0012

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH USBER'S ASSESSMENT
(USBER 0012) THAT THE GDR MEDIA ARTICLES RAISE THE
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STAKES OF THE VISA MEASURE. THE IMPOSITION OF THE VISA
REQUIREMENT IS, OF ITSELF, AN AGGRAVATION AND IS
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE ALLIED POSITION CONCERNING THE
FREE CIRCULATION OF PEOPLE WITHIN BERLIN. HOWEVER,
VISA REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN LEVIED BY THE GDR BEFORE
AND THE ALLIES AND WEST BERLINERS HAVE COPEDED WITH THEM.

2. THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM NOW RESULTS FROM THE GDR'S EFFORT TO EXPLOIT THE MEASURE AS PROOF OF ITS FULLY SOVEREIGN STATUS IN EAST BERLIN. THIS IS CLEARLY A POSITION THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD FIRMLY REBUT. TO DO SO, AS WELL AS TO MAKE THE OBVIOUS POINT ABOUT THE ILLEGALITY OF THE VISA REQUIREMENT, THE DEPT PROPOSES THAT THE BONN GROUP PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. A COORDINATED PRESS RELEASE FOR ISSUANCE BY THE THREE ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BONN. PRESUMABLY THE FRG WOULD WISH TO ISSUE A SUPPORTING STATEMENT. IN OUR VIEW, THIS PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN THE END OF THIS WEEK, IN ORDER TO HELP OFFSET THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE GDR ACTION AND STATEMENT. ITS BASIC THRUST SHOULD BE THAT NOTHING THE GDR HAS DONE OR SAID CAN ALTER IN ANY WAY THE FOUR-POWER STATUS OF BERLIN OR THE FOUR

POWERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN CITY.

B. AN ALLIED DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS PROTESTING THE GDR ACTION AND STATEMENTS. WITHOUT BEING TOO SPECIFIC, THE DEMARCHE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE GDR MEASURES THREATEN THE BASIS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND, IF PURSUED, COULD CAUSE ALLIES TO CONSIDER MEASURES RELATED TO WEST BERLIN WHICH SOVIETS WOULD FIND UNPALATABLE. WE HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT TEXT

CAN BE REACHED IN TIME FOR ITS DELIVERY TO THE SOVIETS
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EARLY NEXT WEEK. LEVEL AND LOCATION OF THE DEMARCHE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE BONN GROUP.

3. US REP SHOULD REPORT GENERAL ATTITUDE OF BONN GROUP MEMBERS TOWARD POSSIBLE COUNTER-MEASURES AND FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION ANY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MAY BE MADE.
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